

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 218

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Percell Duckett on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Percell Duckett is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over forty years in government service and will be taking a much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Alabama A&M University and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Mr. Duckett began his career as a civilian for the United States Army Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, he then served as a RADAR technician with the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) and as Proficiency Training Development Specialist, National Airspace System Area Specialist, and Unit Supervisor in Miami; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Percell Duckett moved back to Memphis, serving in his tenure there as Assistant Manager of the Memphis ARTCC Sector, Memphis Sector Manager, and Manager of the Memphis Systems Management Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duckett has also served as General Supervisory Engineer in Atlanta and Deputy Program Director in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Percell Duckett has distinguished himself as a professional of the highest standards and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duckett is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Counsel, the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, and the

Memphis City Schools Adopt-A-School Program; he has also served as Memphis-Shelby County Regional Combined Federal Campaign Manager; and

WHEREAS, above all else, Percell Duckett is grateful for the love and support he has received from his wife, Ann, his children, and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duckett is the epitome of a devoted husband, a loving father, a sensitive manager, an objective leader, and a role model to the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duckett exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Percell Duckett has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Percell Duckett our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.